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## Acronyms

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| <b>AMF</b>       | Aid Management Fellow                              |
| <b>AMP</b>       | Aid Management Platform                            |
| <b>ARC</b>       | AidData Research Consortium                        |
| <b>ASF</b>       | AidData Summer Fellows                             |
| <b>BYU</b>       | Brigham Young University                           |
| <b>CSO</b>       | Civil Society Organization                         |
| <b>DG</b>        | Development Gateway                                |
| <b>GIS</b>       | Geographic Information Systems                     |
| <b>HESN</b>      | Higher Education Solutions Network                 |
| <b>POC</b>       | Point of Contact                                   |
| <b>USAID</b>     | United States Agency for International Development |
| <b>USG</b>       | United States Government                           |
| <b>UT-Austin</b> | University of Texas-Austin                         |
| <b>W&amp;M</b>   | the College of William and Mary                    |

## Executive Summary

During quarter two (Q2) of FY 2013 the AidData Center of Development Policy (AidData Center) initiated several of the major activities within its FY 2013 workplan. The AidData Center kicked off its in-country work in February, 2013 when staff from W&M and DG travelled to Nepal. W&M initiated its partner country capacity building work through outreach meetings held with 24 development stakeholder organizations in Nepal. DG laid the groundwork for the geocoding effort in Nepal by upgrading the Nepal AMP, training donor partners and government officials to report to and use the AMP, and collected project documents from donor partners that research assistants at W&M, BYU, and UT-Austin will use to geocode the aid projects in the Nepal AMP. In order to successfully complete the geocoding workload under this program, W&M, BYU, and UT-Austin hired 58 new research assistants during Q2, bringing the total number of research assistants employed by the center to 100. AidData Center staff across the all implementing partners worked to build the capacity these research assistants. The respective lab managers at W&M, BYU, and UT-Austin trained their research assistants in the geocoding methodology. Staff from DG and Esri traveled to W&M to train research assistants and members of the broader campus community to use ArcGIS to visualize geocoded data. The W&M research assistants applied these skills through a mapping competition that began in Q2 and will be completed in Q3.

Led by DG, the AidData Center made serious progress towards the development of the technological infrastructure that will support its work throughout this program. DG, W&M, and Esri employees worked together to develop user requirements documentation for the upgrades to the AidData.org web portal and DG began to implement some of those upgrades. The upgrades to the AidData.org web portal will continue throughout Q3 and Q4. DT also implemented significant upgrades to its AMP Advanced GIS Module, based on existing country requests and requirements that focused on (a) performance in low bandwidth environments; (b) improved overall design and user friendliness; and (c) new features and filtering criteria requested by AMP governments. DG implemented an updated version (2.0) of the Open Aid Geocoding Toolkit, which is now being used in the geocoding of Nepal AMP projects.

Finally, the foundation was laid for the construction of the ARC this quarter. To support this effort, W&M hired an ARC Coordinator during Q2. The ARC Coordinator led the effort to work with our USAID counterparts throughout the quarter to develop a process for engagement between USAID staff and ARC team leaders. This discussion was solidified in a meeting at the end of March that identified processes for ARC team leaders and USAID staff to work together to set research priorities, solicit the submission of research proposals, identify priority research projects, and allocate resources.

## Part I: Major Milestones and Events Completed

### I.1. Milestones

During Q2 the AidData Center achieved several significant milestones. The AidData Center began work in Nepal, the first of fifteen partner countries in which we will work during our partnership with USAID. DG and W&M staff travelled to Nepal in late February, 2013 to work with the Ministry of Finance and donor partners to build data collection capacity and to kick-off the geocoding process as well as to conduct civil society outreach to increase the uptake and utilization of geocoded aid information. DG led

the effort to generate user requirements for the upgrade to the database and systems architecture of the AidData.org web portal and GIS portal in consultation with staff from W&M and Esri. W&M hired an ARC coordinator which has spurred tremendous progress towards finalizing the process for engagement between ARC members and USAID staff that will determine how research priorities are selected and actualized. Several AidData Center partners ramped up staffing this quarter. W&M hired a full-time Director of Operations, Project Manager, Geospatial Database Analyst, ARC Coordinator, Technical Grant Writer, and Special Assistant to the Executive Director and 16 student research assistants. UT-Austin hired 1 Project Manager and 37 student research assistants. BYU also hired 5 research assistants. Development Gateway hired two web designers, a technical analyst, and the Nepal Aid Management Fellow.

## I.2. Events

During Q2, the following major events occurred:

- January 14-18: DG staff, including DG lead developers based in Argentina, and W&M staff convened in Washington, DC to outline the user requirements for the upgrades to the AidData.org database and systems architecture.
- February 11: Dr. Alex Dehgan, Science and Technology Advisor to the Administrator, visits W&M to meet with AidData faculty, staff, and students as well as deliver a public talk entitled "Transforming International Development through Science, Technology, and Innovation"
- February 21- March 8: Alena Stern from W&M and Dustin Homer, Josh Powell, and Dina Abdel-Fattah from DG traveled to Kathmandu, Nepal to work with the Ministry of Finance and donor partners to build data collection capacity and to kick-off the geocoding process as well as to conduct civil society outreach to increase the uptake and utilization of geocoded aid information. Carrie Stokes and Carolyn Fonseca from USAID traveled with the AidData Center staff to Nepal.
- March 14-15: Salim Sawaya from Esri and Ben Arancibia from DG traveled to W&M to train AidData research assistants, staff, faculty, and members of the broader campus community to use ArcGIS to visualize and analyze geocoded aid data as well as work closely with AidData research assistants competing in the Map Off.
- March 29: Representatives from W&M and DG met with USAID counterparts to design a procedure for ARC team leaders to interact with USAID staff to identify research priorities and prioritize research proposals.

## I.3. Publications

AidData staff posted 26 blogs during this quarter, three of which were directly pertinent to the USAID HESN award. These three blogs can be found here:

- [The Winding Road to AidData](#) – posted on Feb 13, 2013. This blog post describes the USAID/AidData partnership in creating the AidData Center for Development Policy.
- [AidData Map Off](#) – posted on March 27, 2013. This post highlights the premium AidData puts on student engagement by creating an activity that puts on display the creativity and innovation of William and Mary students.
- [Geocoding and Public Aid in Nepal](#) – posted on April 10, 2013. This post kicks off the first geocoding launch trip under the HESN agreement. AidData staff travelled to Nepal in March to collaborate with the Government of Nepal to implement an Aid Management Platform.

## 1.4. Communications

The AidData Center for Development Policy's communications team is still in its infancy, but will be ramped up during quarter three with the hiring of AidData's new Director of Communications and Policy Outreach. During quarter two, much of AidData's online content has been posted through AidData's blog, the First Tranche, or on Development Gateway's blog. Many of these posts have been cross-posted to the Guardian's Development Blog, or have been picked up by other blogs. The College of William and Mary's Media Relations department also regularly features AidData students in university publications. AidData staff have also continued to closely coordinate with USAID to ensure all needs are met. See below for a comprehensive list of publications and corresponding links:

- Dr. Alex Dehgan, Science and Technology Advisor to the Administrator, visited W&M on February 11, 2013 to meet with AidData faculty, staff, and students as well as deliver a public talk entitled "Transforming International Development through Science, Technology, and Innovation." The public talk was publicized on the W&M Institute for the Theory and Practice of International relations website. Find the link [here](#).
- AidData staff continues to use the AidData blog, [the First Tranche](#), which provides regular updates on recent events and is used as a platform for publicizing the work of AidData staff and undergraduates at the College of William and Mary.
- Development Gateway regularly publishes news about its activities on its own blog, including an [article on AidData's geocoding efforts in Nepal](#).
- Many posts on the First Tranche are cross-posted at [the Guardian's Development Blog](#).
- The Map-Off winner will enjoy a blog post on the [USAID's Impact Blog](#), which receives traction in the development community.
- The Institute for the Theory and Practice of International relations regularly posts news stories on their website about AidData activities. A comprehensive list of published posts can be found [here](#).
- AidData staff have begun to work more closely with USAID to prepare visualizations that describe the more technical aspects of AidData's work. These visualizations describe key concepts such as the importance of geocoding, the structure of the ARC, and core processes in the geocoding process. These visualizations will help USAID staff members understand how AidData's work is relevant to their work, and will be used as fresh content for the Science and Technology blog.

## Part 2: Description of Key Activities

### 2.1. Quarter Objectives

During Q2, the AidData Center aimed to complete the following sub-objectives under our five main project objectives:

Objective 1- Gather geocoded data:

- DG, in consultation with W&M and Esri, will initiate the process of vetting and updating the geocoding methodology based upon feedback from a variety of stakeholders.
- W&M, BYU, and UT-Austin will hire research assistants to undertake geocoding work.
- DG will deploy staff to Nepal to work with aid management institution and donor partners to upgrade the (Aid Management Platform) AMP system, build capacity of these groups to use the

AMP system, and collect project documents to initiate geocoding of aid projects in the Nepal AMP.

- WM will deploy staff to Nepal to reach out to development stakeholder groups (including universities, think tanks, civil society organizations, advocacy groups, etc.) to increase awareness, uptake, and utilization of geocoded aid information as well as assess training needs.
- Begin geocoding projects in Nepal AMP.

Objective 2- Create the AidData Research Consortium (ARC):

- W&M and DG will work with USAID counterparts to develop process for engagement between USAID staff and ARC team leaders to set research priorities, solicit the submission of research proposals, identify priority research projects, and allocate resources.

Objective 3- Develop and disseminate analytic tools for visualizing geocoded aid information:

- DG will initiate the process, in consultation with W&M and Esri, of developing user requirements for the upgrades to the AidData.org web portal.
- DG will initiate the process, in consultation with W&M and Esri, of developing user requirements for the creation of an enterprise-level GIS platform for the new AidData.org web portal.
- DG will implement upgrades to its AMP Advanced GIS Module, based on existing country requests and requirements that focus on (a) performance in low-bandwidth environments; (b) improved overall design and user-friendliness; and (c) new features and filtering criteria requested by AMP governments.

Objective 4 – Foster innovative uses of geocoded aid data:

- W&M and DG staff will work together to begin to plan two pilot salon events hosted at Development Gateway to facilitate initial interactions between USAID subject matter experts and relevant ARC team members for the Global Health and Food Security ARC teams.

Objective 5- Build partner country capacity:

- DG will deploy an Aid Management Fellow to Nepal to embed within the International Economic Cooperation and Coordination Department within the Ministry of Finance in Nepal to build local aid management capacity.
- W&M and USAID will identify placements for 10 AidData Summer Fellows within USAID Missions, USAID Washington, or development stakeholder institutions in developing countries.

## 2.2. Summary of Key Activities

During Q2, the AidData Center completed the following sub-objectives under our five main project objectives:

Objective 1- Gather geocoded data:

- DG staff initiated discussions with the Open Aid Partnership (OAP) secretariat at the World Bank Institute and the IATI secretariat around incremental upgrades to the precision system of the IATI geocoding standard and around metadata requirements for projections, etc.
- W&M, BYU, and UT-Austin hired 58 research assistants (16 at W&M, 5 at BYU, and 37 at UT-Austin) to undertake geocoding work.
- DG employees Dustin Homer, Josh Powell, and Dina Abdel-Fattah traveled to Nepal to work with aid management institution and donor partners to upgrade the (Aid Management Platform) AMP system to 2.3.11, provide training to 17 Ministry staff on AMP and geocoding, and secured

commitments to provide project documents from 20 donors to initiate geocoding of aid projects in the Nepal AMP.

- WM employee Alena Stern traveled to Nepal to meet with 24 development stakeholder groups (including universities, think tanks, civil society organizations, advocacy groups, etc.) to increase awareness, uptake, and utilization of geocoded aid information as well as assess training needs.
- Completed geocoding of roughly 60% of the projects in the Nepal AMP with funding from AusAID.

**Objective 2- Create the AidData Research Consortium (ARC):**

- W&M and DG employees worked with USAID counterparts throughout the quarter to develop process for engagement between USAID staff and ARC team leaders, culminating in a meeting at the end of March to identify processes for ARC team leaders and USAID staff to work together to set research priorities, solicit the submission of research proposals, identify priority research projects, and allocate resources.

**Objective 3- Develop and disseminate analytic tools for visualizing geocoded aid information:**

- DG, W&M, and Esri employees have worked together to develop user requirements documentation for many of the upgrades to the AidData.org web portal.
- DG began implementing upgrades to the AidData.org web portal and identified resources that will be used to scale up these activities in Q3.
- DG implemented significant upgrades to its AMP Advanced GIS Module, based on existing country requests and requirements that focused on (a) performance in low bandwidth environments; (b) improved overall design and user friendliness; and (c) new features and filtering criteria requested by AMP governments.
- DG implemented an updated version (2.0) of the Open Aid Geocoding Toolkit, which is now being used in the geocoding of Nepal AMP projects. The team is currently obtaining final feedback on new features which will be implemented in Q3.

**Objective 4 – Foster innovative uses of geocoded aid data:**

- At ARC meeting at the end of March, W&M and DG decided to jointly plan two pilot salon events hosted at Development Gateway to facilitate initial interactions between USAID subject matter experts and relevant ARC team members for the Global Health and Food Security ARC teams. These salon events will occur by the end of Q3.

**Objective 5- Build partner country capacity:**

- DG deployed Aid Management Fellow Dina Abdel-Fattah to Nepal to embed within the International Economic Cooperation and Coordination Department within the Ministry of Finance in Nepal to build local aid management capacity.
- W&M and USAID began to identify placements for 10 AidData Summer Fellows within development stakeholder institutions in Nepal, Uganda, Mexico, Senegal, and Timor Leste.
- W&M leveraged additional match funding from the Center for Geospatial Analysis at W&M to fund an 11<sup>th</sup> AidData Summer Fellow to travel to Uganda to work with AidData faculty and partner organizations to leverage geocoded aid information for impact evaluations.
- W&M and UT-Austin began the selection process for the 11 AidData Summer Fellows.

## **Part 3: Intra-Development Lab/ University Engagement**



### 3.1. Interdisciplinary Collaboration

During Q2, the AidData Center for Development Policy undertook several activities to build a strong network within the broader William and Mary community. We have sought to provide knowledge-building opportunities for the W&M community. During February, the AidData Center co-sponsored a public talk by Dr. Alex Dehgan, Science and Technology Advisor to the Administrator, entitled “Transforming International Development through Science, Technology, and Innovation.” In March, Salim Sawaya from Esri and Ben Arancibia from Development Gateway led three “Introduction to ArcGIS” sessions that were attended by more than 60 members of the W&M community. At the end of Q2, the AidData Center opened a course to the campus community entitled “GIS for Aspiring Hackers” taught by Albert Decatur, AidData’s Geospatial Database Analyst. Additionally, the AidData Center made plans at the end of Q2 AidData Center staff arranged to bring Dr. Sagar Sharma, Director of the Development Studies Program at Kathmandu University, to campus at the beginning of Q3 to speak to students and faculty about Nepalese Development.

Additionally, the AidData Center has engaged professors across disciplines through the AidData Research Consortium. During Q2, scholars from the Biology, Mathematics, Government, Kinesiology and Health Sciences, and International Relations departments and the Center for Geospatial Analysis at W&M joined the ARC, further adding to the wide range of disciplines represented in the ARC. The ARC will continue to facilitate interdisciplinary collaboration within the W&M community and across academic institutions.

### 3.2. Partner Engagement

The implementing consortium of the AidData Center for Development Policy- William & Mary, Development Gateway, Brigham Young University, the University of Texas-Austin, and Esri have collaborated extensively on this quarter’s activities.

Both W&M and DG sent employees on the first trip to Nepal in late February. These employees not only traveled together, but coordinated activities to ensure the maximum impact for the trip. For example, Alena Stern from W&M and Dustin Homer from DG presented together on the uses of geocoded aid information for impact evaluation at the Evaluation Conclave in Nepal.

Preparing to geocode the second half of the aid projects in the Nepal AMP also necessitated intensive collaboration among the members of the implementing coalition. DG secured commitments from donor partners to provide the necessary project documents for geocoding and then followed up to obtain the documents. Staff across BYU, UT-Austin, and W&M coordinated to allocate research assistant hours to geocode the projects. As we finish the coding of these projects during Q3, these partners will continue to coordinate their efforts.

Additionally, DG, W&M, and Esri have been engaged in the process of developing user requirements for the planned upgrades to the AidData.org web portal. As development continues through Q3 and Q4, each of these implementing partners will remain closely engaged in this process.

Finally, the Map Off has leveraged the skills of staff across Esri, DG, and W&M to build the ArcGIS capacity of AidData students and faculty.

The AidData Center has also begun to cement partnerships initiated during the outreach trip to Nepal. This includes the development of concept notes to guide collaborative work with Kathmandu University,

the Center for Environmental and Agricultural Policy Research, Extension, and Development, and Transparency International-Nepal, among others.

### 3.3. Student Engagement

The AidData Center for Development Policy has successfully engaged students on the campuses of its three university implementing partners: W&M, UT-Austin, and BYU.

As mentioned in Part I, all three universities hired a significant number of student research assistants to undertake the upcoming geocoding work. W&M hired 16 new research assistants, bringing the total number of student researchers working on geocoding to 47. BYU hired 5 new research assistants, bringing their total to 16. UT-Austin hired 37 new research assistants who have been grouped into seven thematic teams that mirror the ARC thematic teams. As of the end of Q2, the AidData Center is engaging 100 students in research.

The AidData Center also began the recruiting process for 8 Summer Consultants and 11 AidData Summer Fellows, all of whom will be undergraduate or graduate students.

As discussed in Part I, W&M has engaged students by creating knowledge sharing opportunities on campus. W&M brought Salim Sawaya from Esri and Ben Arancibia from DG to campus to lead ArcGIS workshops that received tremendous student attendance. These training initiated the W&M AidData Map Off competition which engages students to apply their ArcGIS skills to produce maps and research leveraging geocoded aid information. Additionally, we have engaged students through research and academic presentations, including a presentation by Dr. Alex Dehgan, a presentation by Dr. Sagar Sharma in the beginning of Q3, and several AidData research lunches in which faculty present their research to AidData student researchers.

### 3.4. Lessons Learned/ Good Practices

One particularly successful activity this quarter was the Map Off held at W&M. We found that this activity provided an excellent means of providing training in a complicated skills area to our student research assistants and reinforcing that training by helping them apply their skills through a competition. We plan to replicate this model to help facilitate the uptake of data visualization and analysis skills as a part of our capacity building work at Kathmandu University during Q3 and Q4.

We have learned that effective communication is essential to complete the many activities under our workplan that necessitate extensive collaboration between employees across implementing partners. For example, ensuring the success of our upgrades to the AidData.org web portal will require the efforts of AidData staff working for multiple implementing partners in multiple countries. To address this challenge, we have scheduled regular phone meetings to ensure that we are proceeding according to schedule and that all of the various components of the project are proceeding under the same agreed-upon architecture. Additionally, in order to develop procedures that will enable us to manage the growing size and complexity of our geocoding operation, the AidData Center has organized a project manager's summit for the beginning of Q3 to bring together the project managers across W&M, DG, UT-Austin, and BYU to align expectations and determine a process to facilitate the successful completion of the activities in our workplan.

## Part 4: USAID Engagement

### 4.1. Interactions

During Q2, the AidData center engaged with USAID staff both in Washington and in Mission offices.

- During the Nepal mission, DG and W&M staff worked closely with Carrie Stokes (Director, GeoCenter) and Carolyn Fonseca (AAAS Fellow) to plan the mission agenda, outreach to the USAID Mission and other stakeholders, and to present the upcoming work to Ministry, Mission, and other stakeholders. Throughout the Nepal engagement, Dina Abdel-Fattah (DG AMF) will participate in the weekly staff meetings for the USAID Nepal Program Office, briefing the Mission on the progress of the program and identifying ways in which the Mission can best leverage the work being done in-country.
- The ARC Coordinator interfaced with USAID staff in Washington to identify overlapping research interests, establish effective lines of communication, build on past collaborative research, and create a community of research and scholarship between USAID and external academic experts.
- AidData staff worked with USAID staff to create visualizations that depict some of the more technical aspects of AidData's work, including the geocoding process, the ARC, the difference between the AMP and aiddata.org, and the power of subnational data. These visualizations will be used to promote AidData's work and relevance to USAID staff, and will be used as content for USAID's Impact blog.
- Identification of AidData Summer Fellow Placements: W&M staff worked with our USAID counterparts to identify placements for AidData Summer Fellows to ensure that priority was given to leveraging this human capacity to address USAID priorities. With USAID assistance, we were able to place one AidData Summer Fellow in the USAID Mission in Timor Leste and two Fellows with the ResilientAfrica Lab at Makerere University.

### 4.2. Lessons Learned/ Good Practices

The following "Lessons Learned" and "Good Practices" emerged from our engagement with USAID this quarter:

- We will begin to pursue additional options for AidData Summer Fellows at the program expands in size in subsequent program years. For example, we will explore the option of placing Fellows within USAID Washington.
- The Nepal trip provided an excellent road map for efficient engagement with USAID Missions, presenting lessons learned for proper briefing of Desk Officers and country Mission staff and pre-mission agenda prep. These lessons will be applied in each of the subsequent 14 countries in which the Center operates.
- We will continue to work closely with our USAID counterparts to produce visualizations and other communications materials to ensure that we effectively communicate our activities within USAID and to the broader development and policy communities.

## Part 5: Collaboration with Other Development Labs

### 5.1. Interactions

At the beginning of Q3, ARC coordinator Sam Sadle will attend the Conflict & Development Workshop in Washington DC. The conference is hosted by Texas A&M. While there, Sadle will outline future cooperation between AidData and fellow HESN grantee the Center on Conflict and Development at Texas A&M.

Additionally, AidData has begun to work with Makerere University to embed two AidData Summer Fellows at Makerere University this summer to train Makerere students, staff, and faculty on the geocoding methodology and the visualization and analysis of geocoded data. The Fellows will work with the ResilientAfrica team at Makerere to identify areas where geocoded data can be leveraged within the ResilientAfrica workplan. This summer's program will lay the groundwork for partnering with other ResilientAfrica partner universities in subsequent years.

### 5.2. Lessons Learned/ Good Practices

We hope to be able to leverage the ARC and the AidData Summer Fellows program to collaborate with other development labs in subsequent years of our agreement. We hope to bring academics working at other development labs who express interest in using geocoded aid information in their research. Additionally, we hope to expand the AidData Summer Fellows program to engage students across the HESN Development Labs. We hope to identify other means to facilitate collaboration and exchange between AidData and the other development labs, such as internship programs, fellowships, and research collaborations housed at AidData and other development labs.

## Part 6: Monitoring & Evaluation

### 6.1. Preparation Activities

As we finalize our monitoring and evaluation plan, the AidData Center is establishing a procedure to collect data to monitor progress towards performance indicator targets across each of our implementing partners. The AidData Center has not hired a Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist. Instead, the data collection responsibilities will be determined for each performance indicator and the overall data collection operation will be overseen by David Trichler, AidData Director of Operations at W&M.

Data on the number of projects geocoded will be collected automatically by the OpenAid Toolkit as student research assistants at W&M, BYU, and UT-Austin geocode projects.

Data on many of the project indicators will be collected by the respective staff responsible for overseeing that activity. For example, Vanessa Goas, Field Operations Manager at DG, will monitor how many country governments use AidData's geocoding service to geocode their aid projects, while David Trichler, Director of Operations at W&M will monitor the number of participants in AidData's challenge grant competitions. For some indicators, such as the cumulative number of students, staff, and faculty conducting research or field work with the AidData Center or ARC, data will be reported from multiple implementing partners and aggregated at the AidData Center level.

Vanessa Goas from DG and Alena Stern from W&M are currently developing a procedure for Aid Management Fellows and AidData Summer Fellows to collect data on the results of their outreach and capacity building work in developing countries.

The AidData Center will work with USAID to develop a process for collecting data from targeted USAID Washington staff and partner-country USAID Mission staff to assess the uptake and utilization of geocoded aid information within USAID.

## 6.2. Ongoing Monitoring & Evaluation

Instructions in this section will be provided for future Quarterly Reports. This section will be used to notate your progress toward Lab-level and Network-level indicators and support annual roll-up for tracking.

## Part 7: Looking Ahead

### 7.1. Calendar of Events

| MARCH 2013       |   |  |   |   |
|------------------|---|--|---|---|
| DATES            | EVENT   | DESCRIPTION  | USAID Leadership/<br>Involvement  | Development Lab<br>Collaboration  |
|                  |   |  |   |   |
| APRIL 2013       |   |  |   |   |
| DATES            | EVENT   | DESCRIPTION  | USAID Leadership/<br>Involvement  | Development Lab<br>Collaboration  |
| April 23-24      | Conflict & Development Strategy Workshop          | The ARC Coordinator will attend this conference to be held in Washington to help Texas A&M's HESN grantee team define the scope of their forthcoming research to identify areas of research collaboration between the ARC and Texas A&M. | USAID HESN leadership   | Texas A&M – Center on Conflict and Development                                  |
| MAY 2013         |   |  |   |   |
| DATES            | EVENT   | DESCRIPTION  | USAID Leadership/<br>Involvement  | Development Lab<br>Collaboration  |
| May 13-24        | Senegal Geocoding Kick-off                        | Four Development Gateway staff (1 based in Dakar) will work with the Ministry of Finance of Senegal and the donor community in Senegal to kick-off geocoding activities and place the Aid Management Fellow in Dakar                     | USAID HESN counterparts will reach out to relevant Senegal-focused staff in DC and to the Senegal Mission |   |
| May 27-August 12 | AidData Summer Fellows Embed in Host Institutions | 11 AidData Summer Fellow will work with development stakeholder institutions in Uganda, Mexico, Nepal, Senegal, and Timor Leste to increase the uptake and utilization of geocoded aid information.                                      | The USAID Mission in Timor Leste is hosting one of the AidData Summer Fellows.                            | Fellows will be embedded within the ResilientAfrica lab at Makerere University. |
| JUNE 2013        |   |  |   |   |
| DATES            | EVENT   | DESCRIPTION  | USAID Leadership/<br>Involvement  | Development Lab<br>Collaboration  |

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| TBD              | Global Health Salon                               | Salon event hosted at the Open Gov Hub to facilitate initial interactions between USAID subject matter experts and relevant ARC team members for the Global Health ARC team  | USAID HESN counterparts will help with outreach to USAID subject matter experts in Global Health who will attend the event.                                 |                                      |
| TBD              | Haiti Geocoding and Stakeholder Outreach Kick-Off | Two Development Gateway staff will work with the Ministry of Planning of Haiti and the donor community in Haiti to kick-off geocoding activities and place the Aid Management Fellow in Port-au-Prince. One W&M staff and an AidData Summer Fellow will meet with development stakeholder institutions to increase uptake and utilization of geocoded aid information. | USAID HESN counterparts will reach out to relevant Haiti-focused staff in DC and to the Haiti Mission; Geocenter staff may accompany DG and W&M on the trip |                                      |
| TBD              | Senegal Stakeholder Outreach Kick-Off             | One W&M staff and an AidData Summer Fellow will meet with development stakeholder institutions to increase uptake and utilization of geocoded aid information. Arrangements will be made for the Fellow to embed in an organization in Senegal to build their capacity to use geocoded data.   | USAID HESN counterparts will reach out to relevant Haiti-focused staff in DC and to the Senegal Mission.  |                                      |
| TBD              | Nepal follow-up                                   | 1 Development Gateway staff will travel to Kathmandu to present the geocoded data set to the government and donor community; donor staff and government staff will be trained on how to use the data through the AMP GIS module. One W&M staff will travel to Nepal to train civil society on the geocoding methodology and geospatial analysis.                       | USAID mission staff may be asked to attend a training session with other donor staff  |                                      |
| <b>JULY 2013</b> |   |  |   |                                      |
| <b>DATES</b>     | <b>EVENT</b>                                      | <b>DESCRIPTION</b>   | <b>USAID Leadership/ Involvement</b>  | <b>Development Lab Collaboration</b> |
| TBD              | Food Security                                     | Salon event hosted at the Open Gov Hub   | USAID HESN counterparts will  |                                      |

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|                       | Salon   | to facilitate initial interactions between USAID subject matter experts and relevant ARC team members for the Food Security ARC team  | help with outreach to USAID subject matter experts in Food Security who will attend the event.  |  |
| TBD                   | Timor-Leste Geocoding and Stakeholder Outreach Kick-Off | Two Development Gateway staff will work with the Ministry of Finance of Timor-Leste and the donor community in Timor-Leste to kick-off geocoding activities and place the Aid Management Fellow in Dili. One W&M staff and an AidData Summer Fellow will meet with development stakeholder institutions to increase uptake and utilization of geocoded aid information. | USAID HESN counterparts will reach out to relevant Timor-Leste-focused staff in DC and to the Timor-Leste Mission; Geocenter staff may accompany DG and W&M on the trip |  |
| TBD                   | Uganda Geocoding and Stakeholder Outreach Kick-Off      | Two Development Gateway staff will work with the Ministry of Finance of Uganda and the donor community in Uganda to kick-off geocoding activities and place the Aid Management Fellow in Kampala. One W&M staff and an AidData Summer Fellow will meet with development stakeholder institutions to increase uptake and utilization of geocoded aid information.        | USAID HESN counterparts will reach out to relevant Uganda-focused staff in DC and to the Uganda Mission; Geocenter staff may accompany DG and W&M on the trip           | We will work with Makerere University partners to determine outreach strategy. |
| <b>AUGUST 2013</b>    |   |   |   |  |
| <b>DATES</b>          | <b>EVENT</b>  | <b>DESCRIPTION</b>  | <b>USAID Leadership/ Involvement</b>  |  |
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| <b>SEPTEMBER 2013</b> |   |   |   |  |
| <b>DATES</b>          | <b>EVENT</b>  | <b>DESCRIPTION</b>  | <b>USAID Leadership/ Involvement</b>  |  |
| TBD                   | Inaugural ARC Convening                                 | Members of the ARC will convene in Williamsburg to identify priority research projects and assign ARC scholars and AidData Center resources to each project   |   |  |
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## 7.2. Description of Future Activities

### 7.2.1. Milestones

During Q3, we expect to achieve the following milestones:

- Complete geocoding of Nepal AMP projects and begin geocoding of Senegal AMP projects.
- Complete geocoding and stakeholder outreach kickoff trips in Senegal and Haiti. Kickoff trips may also occur in Uganda and Timor Leste, though those trips may occur during Q4.
- Hold Global Health and Food Security Salon events, decide whether to hold salon events for the remaining five thematic areas, and, if applicable, determine schedule for remaining salon events.
- Begin recruitment process for ARC Team Leaders.
- Complete user requirements for the planned upgrades to the AidData.org web portal.
- Launch public AMP portal in Nepal.
- Complete upgrades to the OpenAid Geocoding Toolkit.
- Deploy 11 AidData Summer Fellows to embed in development stakeholder institutions in Uganda, Mexico, Senegal, Nepal, and Timor Leste.
- Embed Aid Management Fellows in aid management institutions in Senegal and Haiti (and possibly also Uganda and Timor Leste if those kickoff missions occur during Q3).

### 7.2.2. Events

During Q3, we anticipate the following events to occur:

- Geocoding and Stakeholder outreach kickoff trips in Senegal and Haiti.
- Deploy Aid Management Fellows to Senegal and Haiti.
- Salon events for the Global Health and Food Security ARC Teams.
- Project manager summit will occur in Washington D.C. to bring together project managers from W&M, BYU, UT-Austin, and DG to lay the groundwork for the successful completion of the program activities.
- Launch of the public AMP portal in Nepal.
- Deployment of 11 AidData Summer Fellows to Uganda, Mexico, Senegal, Nepal, and Timor Leste.
- Completion of the W&M Map Off and selection of winners.

### 7.2.3. Publications

Include a list of anticipated publications that are planned during the next Quarter. This can include anything from formal journal publications to white papers.

### 7.2.4. Communications

Include a list of anticipated major press releases, articles, editorials, etc. featuring the work of your Development Lab during the next Quarter.

## Part 8: Appendix

Please use the Appendix to attach any documents, figures, etc. that help to illustrate your progress or key activities. There is no page limit to this section, but please be selective with the materials you include and reference them in your narrative.